THE POLICY OF MEDDLING.

The American, like the English public, has never yet learned to mind its own business. It is forever meddling with the purely domestic affairs of foreign countries. Does the Sultan take summary measures against Armenian outlaws for disturbing the peace? Then at once the American and English public dubs these half-savages "Christians" and sends memorials and protests which the Sultan properly thrusts into his waste-basket. For years the American public did what it could to break up the political union between England and Ireland, just as the English public, in times past, had striven to dissolve the union between the sections of the United States. These were examples of officiousness by no means rare. Take, for instance, the causes of the Spanish war. They began in a sentimental crusade, egged on by for and they brought on a war which, in its indifference to the rights of sovereignty and ownership in Cuba, was as cold-blooded as any war in history. How immensely better off the United either place.

The pet aversion of the Anglo-Saxon morals or humanity; but it has been formally recognized as a power of the first rank and its rights guaranteed by treaty. Outsiders have no call to try and change its prison system or its attitude towards Jewish or Finnish or other subjects. That is its own affair. That the Kitcheneff slaughter was deplorable, all will agree. But so was the killing of Italians in New Orleans a few years ago; so was the wholesale slaughter of Chinamen in Montana; so are the recurring tragedies of the negro sympathize with the Finns, who are deprived of their constitutional rights and trust that the Finns will symgreatly affronted if Russia, the master give the regroes a fair deal in the South. Imagine the outcry that would

It is as much a matter of propriety for nations as for individuals to attend to their own affairs and let other people attend to theirs. An adherence to that rule in international concerns would ease friction, hinder wars and give each power more time to deal with the crying evils under its own flag.

THE JAPANESE VIEW.

It is interesting to note, in the Oriental files, what the vernacular press of Japan is saying about affairs with Russia. Under this head the visit of General Kuropatkin has supplied it with a text which it was not backward

in developing. The Jiji Shimpo has no doubt that the Minister's visit will furnish him experiences useful in determining his government's policy. It draws his attention to the fact that Japan is now a constitutionally ruled country like certain European States. What the people at large desire finds expression in the program of the government. That is illustrated by the Anglo-Japanese alliance. The alliance had long been among the nation's wishes, though consummated only last year. It is not posble for Japanese statesmen to ignore th. people's will. Thus, when in defer-ence to the representations of Russia, Germany and France, the Liaotung Peninsula was given up, the Japanese nation, while appreciating the difficult position in which their Ministry found itself, did not withhold its condemnation and even went to the length of impeaching the Cabinet in the Diet. Russia's circumstances are very different. Her occupation of Manchuria is a temporary business, and in evacuating it. according to her promise, she would not have to fear any arraignment at the bar of public opinion. In fact, her statesmen are not fettered in their acts as are the statesmen of Japan. If General Kuropatkin imagines that the views of a section of Japanese politicians, however influential they may be, represent the views of the Japanese nation, he will fall into a serious blunder. Doubtless a man of General Kuropatkin's discernment will appreciate these things of his own accord, but it may possibly be of some assistance to him to learn the views of the Japanese.

ropatkin as the leader of the war party in Russia, and who consider that his visit to Eastern Asia portends no good. different opinion, and it expresses a hope that General Kuropatkin will seize this opportunity to correct the mistake, His observations at first hand will also help him to dispel the false impression prevailing in his own country as to Japan's bellicose mood. "Having trav elled through Manchuria and arrived it Japan, he will be able to perceive the Pacific and broad-minded sentiment of this nation, and to understand with what strength of purpose, with what resolution, and with what hope Japan seeks to preserve the status quo and the peace of the Far East. Thus General Kuropatkin's visit and the observations he makes can scarcely fail to have a radical bearing on the settlement of the Manchurian problem."

The Asahi Shimbun says that Russian journalists may regard the visit of General Kuropatkin at such an epoch as likely to open a new chapter in Russo-Japanese relations, but the truth is that in Manchuria and Korea there are many points of almost inevitable friction between Japan and Russia. The Japanese people would yellow journals, against the adminis- gladly see a different state of affairs, tration of Spain in Cuba. More false- but to bring it about is not a simple hoods were told about Spanish misrule matter like the reconciliation of a Katthere than their authors ever can atone sura Cabinet and a Marquis Ito. What Marquis Ito did in St. Petersburg is known and how it succeeded. General Kuropatkin must be well aware of the facts. We (the Asahi) share the sentiments of American journals in wishing States would have been if it had let that the Russian Minister's visit may Cuba and the Philippines alone; how have great results, but we regret to little real call there was to interfere in think that the conditions of the time do not warrant such a hope. Still among the circumstances that seem to public is probably Russia. Now Russia force the two countries into collision, is a poorly civilized country, with scant there are doubtless some due to errors of conception on one side or the other. These, at any rate, the coming of General Kuropatkin may help to correct. The Yomiuri Shimbun formulates the

main errors that disturb the relations between Japan and Russia. On the Russian side, the peace party contend that Japan has no heart to fight; that her Liaotung experience crushed her spirit, and that there is no occasion to make elaborate warlike preparations against her. The war party, on the other hand, contend that the Japanese and the stake and the various "water are essentially a fighting people; that cures" in the Philippines. We may if they silently suffered the Liaotung the Port Arthur occupation, it was because their military and naval organization was not complete, whereas now they are in a much stronger state, and their disposition to interfere was of the Finns, should memorialize us to proved by their recent action in the matter of Russia's negotiations with China. Both of these views are ercome from the very people who signed roneous, according to the Yomiuri. The the Kacheneff manifesto which, we Japanese are not a small-spirited peotrust, the President will not send for- ple. If the action of any foreign Power in the Far East impairs their rights and interests, they are ready to rise to a man. But if they receive just and considerate treatment, they will be thoroughly pacific and amicable. It is much to be desired that General Kuropatkin should form a clear judgment on this point, for many an international quarrel has been precipitated by misconceptions on either side, and by the error of inferring the sentiments of the people at large from the views of a section of them. General Kuropatkin has come a long way to visit Japan. Let him be assured that he finds here a nation united in its attitude towards the problems of Manchuria and Korea; let him not commit the blunder of taking the views of a few for the sentiment of the many, and let him carry back to his country some elements of mutual appreciation independent of scenic beauties and convivial inter-

MORE OF DAVIS.

The expected has already happened in the District Court where an incident occurred yesterday which even "Judge" Davis's organ, the Bulletin, cannot palliate. We quote from that paper:

Defendant was asked to plead, but Straus objected, wishing to read the complaint. He asked for a continuance on the ground that this was the defendant's first appearance under the present complaint, which had just been sworn to that minute, namely, 11:20 a. m. She was entitled to continuance in order to give her time to get witnesses and to give her lawyer time to study the case and also the complaint, against which he might wish to offer technical objections.

Straus's plea made the court very angry. "Sit down, Mr. Straus," thundered the Judge, "or I will compel a police officer to remove you."

Straus quietly sat down and the court asked the defendant if she was guilty

or not guilty. "I instruct you not to answer," cried

"Remove Straus!" shouted the court. Straus got up and in a quiet and eloquent speech, pleaded for his client's rights. He stated his grounds for objecting to the case to be taken up then when he was interrupted by the court. who threatened to send him to prison for contempt.

Straus replied that was a matter of extreme indifference to him. The court then asked the High Sheriff if he wanted to go on with the case and received an affirmative answer.

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process of law. His argument was interrupted by the judge, who stated that the defendant was being tried according to due process of law. The court The Kokumin wants to entertain a very) would be willing to sign subpoenas for witnesses then and there and would give the defense until 2 p. m.

While it is highly desirable that vagrants should get the limit of the law, they are entitled like other people to a fair trial. In the court scene which the Bulletin describes, Attorney Strauss asked for nothing unusual or unreasonway that must have reminded his client, the alleged vagrant, of customary scenes in the Magoon building, where she hailed from. But that was not all. According to the Bulletin "The court then made reference to the defendant which practically seemed to amount to calling her guilty before a scrap of evidence had been heard." If this is true-and because of the close relations which exist between the Bulletin and Davis, we have no reason to doubt it-then Davis has proved once more his total unfitness for any post requiring stability of judgment or the instinct of fair play.

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